

April 11, 2021 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday
2nd SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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St. Francis of Assisi Church, Northville ,NY
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Fr. Jun Segura, Pastor

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Sat (10) 4 pm

Dwight Smarup + Carm & Maria Greco

Sun (11) 10:30 am

Healing of Kita Murray

+ Tate family

Gary Malacynski

+ Pat, Rick & Dan Fallis

Monday (12) 8:30 am

Fr. Neil Draves-Arpaia

7 years

Friday (16) 8:30 am

Rev. John Masconi

Sat (17) 4:00 pm

Helen Bedell

+ Ronald & Margaret Smith

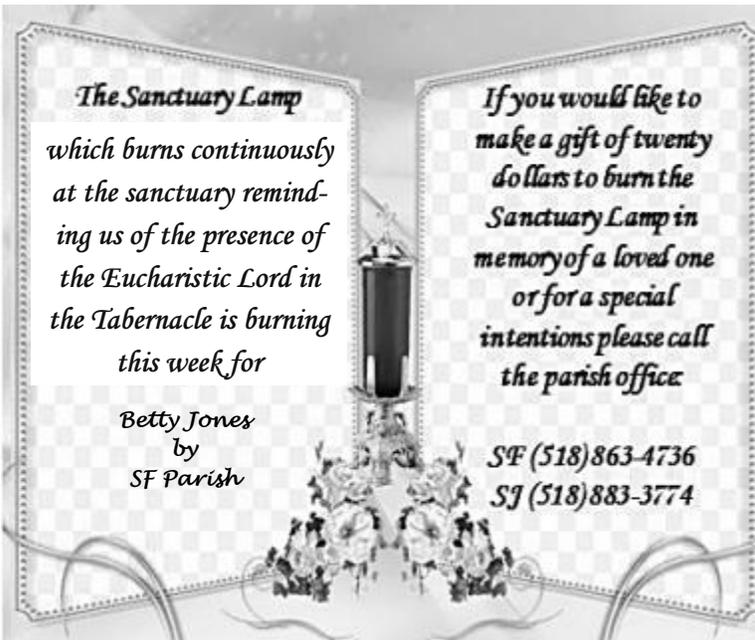
Sun (18) 10:30 am

Healing of Kita Murray

+ Murray Family

Tony Ottati

+ Pat Ottati



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (11) 8 am

Mary Yunker + Family

Bernard Mahoney

+ Herb & MaryAnn Frank

RoseMary & Joe Crivelli

+ Jim & Katy Ryan

Tuesday (6) 8:30 am

Al MacGregor

+ Family

Thursday (8) 8:30 am

Michael Fabian

+ Ronald & Margaret Smith

Sun (11) 8 am

Amelia Cannon

+ J & K Capobianco

George Marion, Jr. + T & J Whitney

Susan Crowther + Lois Munnelly

Betty Jones + Jones Family

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ "Lord, have mercy," we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always be able to receive that tender mercy.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In today's gospel Jesus teaches , "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead & brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness & holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours! ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 11, 2021 ~ Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3; Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8; Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15; Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21; Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36; Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15; Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21; Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." (48)

"Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself" (1074)

'My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.' (1485)



"The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy." (723)

"The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and the is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578)

Jesus' words to Saint Faustina, in her Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul

Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father.

—Pope Francis

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